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UFOLOGY is not without its share of comedians often generated from the media and sceptics who like to masquerade as ufologists.

A recent example of this is the Endeavour Hills video film of a sighting in that suburb. There is a vast difference between speculation and investigation. The media is not noted for investigation! The average journalist writes about everything and is expert at nothing except misquotations, and out of context reporting. The Society of Sceptics provides the majority of clowns who perform to distract public attention from the various incidents.

Fortunately, only a small percentage of encounters is reported to the media. VUFORS receives most reports via telephone, letter and reference from reliable sources.

On the 15th February, when news of the Endeavour Hills incident became known, Judith Magee was requested to appear on TV where she expressed an interest in having the video film analysed, to ascertain, if possible, an explanation for the objects.

Debunking attempts came from the same old "malfunction junction" saying the objects were either birds or daylight meteorites! There is a vast difference between birds and meteorites. VUFORS will await analysis of the video before attempting any conclusion.

A story was also circulating within the "junction area", that a dubious prophet, who claimed to be associated with a man who was mingling with the gullible, claiming to be the returned Messiah and taking an interest in ufos. Therefore, any story originatinag from that area, can be taken with anything from a grain to a bag of salt!!

Meanwhile we look forward to further significant developments.

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BLUE BOOK PEARLS

Dr. Willy Smith

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Seven Islands, Labrador

In this incident the crew of a BOAC Stratocruiser en route from the United States to England reported a sighting while flying near Sept Isles in the province of Quebec. One large central object surrounded by six globular smaller ones paced the aircraft for about 18 minutes and finally disappeared in the distance when an F-94 fighter approached.

One of the discrepancies for this case is the date. While the majority of the authorities, including the narrative by Capt. James Howard (Ref. 1), indicate June 29, 1954, others list the date as June 30, 1954. The most prominent of those is the Condon Report (Ref. 2, -p. 139), in which the case is discussed by Gordon D. Thayer and dated 30 June 1954, 21:05-21:27 local time.

The source of that error has been traced down to the case summary card in the Blue Book microfilm files (Ref. 3). This card was rewritten long after the events, and carries the date June 30, 1954, or July 1, 1954 at 01:09Z (GST).

Careful reading of the official files confirms the case card is incorrect, and that the actual date and time of the incident was June 29, 1954, at 21:05 local time, or what is the same, June 30, 1954 at 01:05 Zulu. The error appears only on the case card, and one wonders how Thayer could fail to notice it. The case was evaluated by Blue Book as "Mars".

The explanation is simple. Both Thayer and his predecessor in Blue Book were determined to attribute the sighting to a mirage of the planet Mars, which, according to the official files, had been spotted and identified by a ship in the area. The conditions for a mirage, the files add, had been good.

Now, the files reveal the name (USS Edisto) and position (55/55 N, 58/10 W) of the ship, as well as

the exact time of the observation (30 June, 01:15 Z). Using this information, it is easy to determine that Mars indeed was in sight, except that it was rising at azimuth 144. The unknown was to the NW, almost in the opposite direction (about azimuth 317).

Since G. D. Thayer has a B.S. in Physics, one hardly would expect him to make such a blunt error. It is obvious that he didn't bother to verify the "Mars hypothesis", but simply lifted it from the BB files. Had he attempted to calculate Mars' position, he would have discovered the mistake.

Apparently neither did Mr. Thayer bother to verify if a mirage was possible at all, as he states (Ref. 2, p. 139), that "certain facts in the case are strongly suggestive of an optical mirage", although admitting in the same paragraph that very little meteorological data were available. In a way, he is correct, because the ship was quite distant, and even if the conditions were suitable for mirages at its location at sea, Thayer knew nothing about the conditions over land at the plane location (51/33 N, 63/10 W). Moreover, a mirage is essentially a transient phenomenon, requiring a static situation to take place. This requirement is not met with a moving plane, and the length of the event rules out the mirage possibility.

I believe that Thayer knew that he was just following the official line, and got very frustrated when he could not verify the Martian hypothesis using the incorrect date. He then attempted to squeeze out of the difficult situation by writing the following words, which constitute his claim to fame (Ref. 2, p. 140):

"This unusual sighting should therefore be assigned to the category of some almost certainly natural phenomenon, which is so rare that it apparently has never been reported before or since."

Dr. Willy Smith UNICAT Project April 1991
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Shreveport, LA

As the main witness of this incident was standing on his lawn on the night of April 16, 1952, talking with one of his neighbors, they suddenly noticed a bright circular object almost directly overhead. It was moving at a fast clip on a straight and level course when suddenly, in a 6 second interval, it reversed the direction of its motion without diminishing speed, moving away at tremendous velocity. A change in shape, from "flat circular" to "thinning lens" was observed during the turn, as well as color changes from white to pink and red. Height and size could not be estimated, but remained the same during the entire episode.

The whole sighting lasted 70 seconds, and in that time the unknown object covered a distance of 25 miles. There was no sound, no exhaust and no trail, except for a small reddish tail briefly noticed shortly after the motion reversal, and described as if "glowing fragments had been detached".

The main observer was insistent, and brought the incident to the attention of the AF. As a result, an AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT was prepared by Major Jesse H. Tessier and is now an integral part of the Blue Book files (IR-1-52). This is the only document we find about this case, and repeats the statements of the main witness (Ref. 1).

It is clear that Major Tessier had problems handling this case, if we consider what he wrote on the first page of his report. His evaluation of the case was A-2, meaning that the source was completely reliable (A) and that the information was probably true (2). The correct coding should have been A-1, since there was a second witness

confirming the sighting. Moreover, Maj. Tessier wrote A-2 not only in the "evaluation" box, but also in the box reserved for the information agency, as well as in the box carrying his name as the preparing officer, where it had no business to be.

Each entry in the Blue Book files is preceded by a CASE CARD, and we don't know who wrote them. But in this instance the card reads "possibly balloon" in the conclusions column (Item 12), while in the brief summary of the sighting (Item 10) it reads verbatim: "doubtful if this was balloon". So, which one is correct?

Now then, the Blue Book files contain hundreds, if not thousands, of sightings attributed to balloons which were confused by excited witnesses with crafts possibly of extraterrestrial origin; and one wonders why Maj. Tessier beat around the bush and did not call the observers to task as was done in so many other cases.

A careful reading of the sanitized files reveals the reason: the main witness was not a civilian nobody, but an Air Force captain, a senior pilot with more than 3000 hours and eight years experience, a SAC Aircraft Commander of the 301st Bomb Wing, with previous experience as a Special Agent for the Counter-Intelligence Corps, and at the time of the incident assigned to duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer (Ref. 2). In short, not the kind of individual to be easily dismissed as a crackpot as the AF would have liked to do.

The name of this captain has been deleted from the files, where all one can reconstruct is Capt. E. M---s. But even if his name is not there, his credentials are recorded for all to see. No wonder Maj. Tessier was very cautious about what he put in writing.

The report also tells us some facts about the neighbor. A former WWII paratrooper sergeant, he was employed at the time of the incident by an unnamed outfit in Shreveport. Thus he was quite different from the uneducated housewives so often found in the AF reports. And Maj. Tessier specifically tells us that this second witness was not interviewed. Of course! Had this been done,

the evaluation of the incident would have been A-1 (where 1 means "confirmed by other sources"), an unthinkable alternative.

The final point to discuss is how the balloon idea was generated. Immediately following the incident Capt. E. M---s himself contacted the meteorological observers both at Barksdale AFB and C.A.A. As the Blue Book report reads, "none of the personnel contacted admitted knowledge of metrological (sic) phenomena or usage of equipment that might account for the incident." However, a weather balloon was in fact launched from Barksdale AFB at 22:00, i.e., 28 minutes before the sighting but although it carried radio equipment, it had no light. This, as well as the maneuvers detailed by the witnesses, rules out the balloon explanation, but did not deter Maj. Tessier from mentioning it.

This incident was not investigated at all by the AF. The role of Maj. Tessier was to transcribe the deposition of Capt. E. M---s, and bury the incident in the files. Yet, this is a good case, in the words of Dr. Hynek, of very credible observers narrating incredible events, and it should have been listed as "unidentified".

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Shreveport case is that it reveals the lack of methodology and consistency in the Air Force analysis. For only four days before (520412) an almost identical incident had taken place in North Bay, Ontario, and is dutifully recorded almost in the same place in the Project Blue Book microfilm.

As in the Shreveport case, we have two reliable noncommissioned officers driving within the Canadian Air Force Station at North Bay. The witnesses describe exactly the same sequence of events: a bright amber disc flying straight and level across the field, suddenly reversing its direction, and rapidly disappearing from view.

The incident was investigated by the RCAF, and although a third witness is named, his deposition does not appear in the records. The information content is the same for both cases, though manifestly the quality of the main witness in the Shreveport case far exceeds that in North Bay.

This is shown by the presence of more quantitative data for the Louisiana case. Yet, while the North Bay case is labeled "unidentified" in the Blue Book files, the Shreveport one is listed as "possibly balloon".

Since the two cases are only four calendar days apart, they must have crossed somebody's desk practically at the same time. This somebody (Ruppelt?), if he was worth his salt, could not have failed to note the striking similarities, but said nothing. Neither could we find any reference to the cases in Ruppelt's book (Ref. 3). Is this a syndrome of gross incompetence, or a revealing indication that the Air Force's purpose was not what it seemed to be? Let the reader answer the question, which has some bearing on whether the powers that be are withholding from the public vital information on the UFO phenomenon.

Dr. Willy Smith
UNICAT Project
March 10, 1992

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Computerized PROFILES for the two cases as recorded in the UNICAT database can be obtained by sending a 29c stamp and an address label to the UNICAT Project, 1200 Murcott Ct., Longwood, FL, 32779. No envelope necessary.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

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A new book is soon to be released entitlee "CROP CIRCLES CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE " by Pat Delgado, Publisher BLOOMSBURY.

Pat Delgado is a retired Electro-mechanical Engineer who was the first person in England to draw international attention to the crop circle phenomenon in that country.

The book contains over 100 breathtaking aerial photos, all in colour, of the latest manifestations of the mystery circles in England.

Included in the book is a detailed account of the widely publicised affair involving claims that the circles were the work of hoaxers. During August, after checking out circles near High Wycombe, with Bob Digby and colleagues, I went to Andover, where I accompanied Colin Andrews and Pat to the scene of other crop circles at Weyhill. When a compass was placed in the centre of one of the circles to line the magnetometer probe with the magnetic north, the compass spun in a clockwise direction.

On the 22nd February, reports of six circles near White Cliffs, NSW, came to our attention. Although they were photographed nearly two years ago, they were still of interest, due to the fact that soil and plant samples disappeared into "malfunction junction", where individuals refused to return the photos to the rightful owner, as well as retaining results of soil sample analysis.

Meanwhile, the 82 circles photographed from the air as reported in our September 1990 edition, remain unexplained. At that time, the wheat had already been harvested and only stubble remained in the field. Never-the-less, the photos of the rings showed up clearly and created much interest to the photographing contractor. Next day, a second flight over the area revealed some of the circles had "disappeared".

I have checked the land area and found unusual conditions. Previously, farmers had told me that the water levels in the ponds would rise just before rain. This meant the cause was, of course, due to atmospheric pressure drop as indicated by the barometer. In this area the underground water source is artesian and the balance between underground water pressure and the atmospheric pressure is so delicate that water rises in the ponds.

It is interesting to note that contrast between wet and dry sandy soil will be obvious by aerial photography, but when the soil dries, there is no contrast.

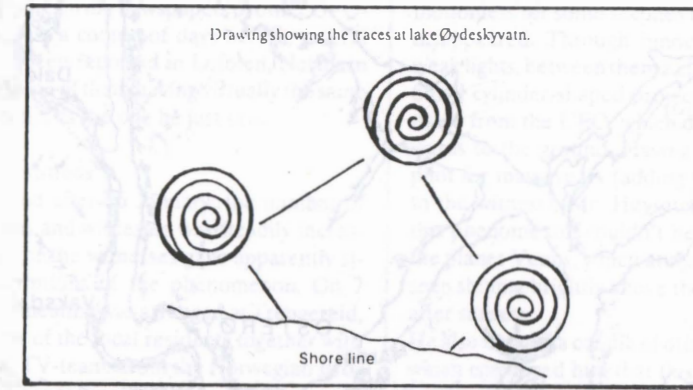
Other cases exist where circular objects have drawn water from tanks, ponds and catchment areas; could this indicate that it is another series of water/ufo related events?

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POSSIBLE LANDING-CASE AT HAUKELI?



Observations in 1991

1991 began with a UFO-"wave" near Bergen, together with sightings in Northern-Norway. During the following months, several sightings were also made in Southern-Norway, especially in the area near Tønsberg. During Easter, an intriguing case developed when several witnesses observed a luminous phenomenon which made a landing. Our report centre was also kept busy later this year, when several observations called for action in late summer and early fall.

observations were reported. The description was seemingly of the same phenomenon: soundless, illuminated objects, flying low over the fjords disappearing after a few minutes behind nearby mountains. However, careful analysis revealed that most of the observations probably were of airplanes. Nevertheless, a small residue indicated the presence of an unknown phenomenon.

In the period from 16 January to about 10 Fe-

UFO over Trengereid

Time: Between 6.00 and 23.15 pm
Date: Between 16 January and ca. 10 february 1991
Duration: Multiple observations lasting from 1-5 minutes each
Place: Trengereid, near Bergen, Western-Norway
Witnessess: 25-30 persons (estimated)
Nature of sightings: Soundless, illuminated objects with blinking lights

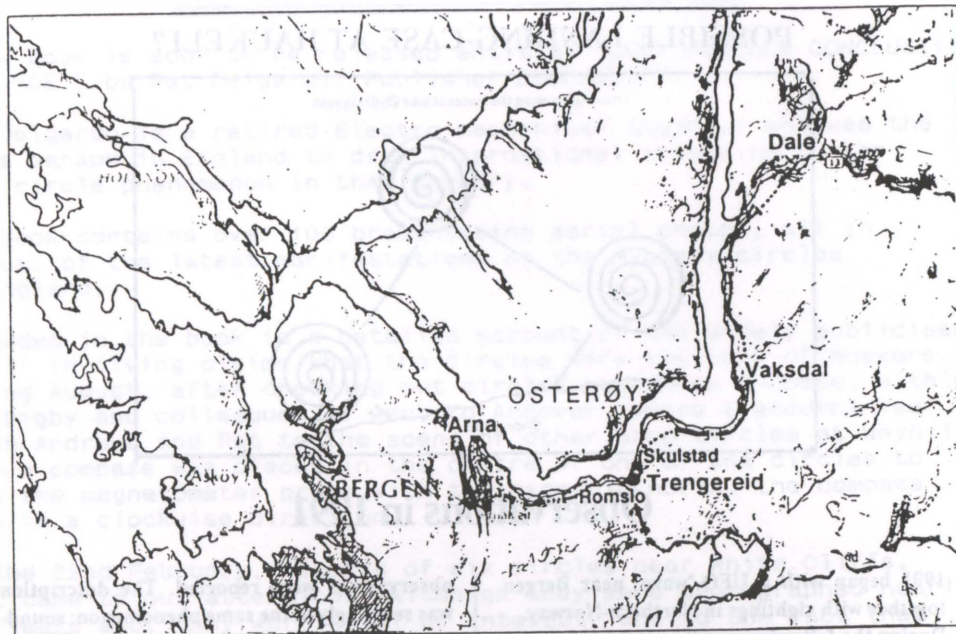
In the middle of January 1991 a series of observations started at Trengereid, a small populated area some 20 kilometres east of Bergen, Southern Norway. During the next three weeks 20-30

UFO over Trengereid?

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The first headline in "Bergens Arbeiderblad"



bruary 1991 the small village Trengereid was almost haunted by luminous phenomena seen by several witnesses during the evening. The phenomena were described as being spherical or oval in shape, equipped with white and/or red blinking lights moving at low altitudes (often apparently below the surrounding mountain tops), from east to west over the fjord. The observations were concentrated to the areas around Trengereid, Vaksdal and the isle of Osterøy (see map). During the last week of this period, ca. 3-10 February, several newspapers together with the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation showed a keen interest.

Trengereid is situated 20 kilometres ENE of Bergen along the railway line connecting Bergen and Oslo. The place is a steep hillside, facing west, with several mountains in its vicinity. On the other side of an inland fjord, the isle of Osterøy is situated. Vaksdal, another small populated area, is located 8 km to the NE.

The observations commence

The initial observation was made 16 January by

Inge Skulstad, a local resident at Trengereid. At 8.50 pm he caught sight of a flying object, equipped with 15-20 blinking white lights together with two red ones at each side. The object was discovered over a headland to the west, ca. 1 kilometre distant. It hovered motionless for about 4 minutes until it disappeared behind a hillside nearby.

To his surprise, the same object reappeared at 11.10 the same evening. It made the same movements as the first time, disappearing behind the hillside 1-2 kilometres away. This time, however, it was visible for only 1 1/2 minute. Mr. Skulstad had time to fetch binoculars and watch the object carefully. He also managed to call a close neighbour to witness the event; hence, a total of four observers were able to watch the phenomenon.

Between the two observations, Mr. Skulstad contacted the local police station. The person on duty contacted Flesland airport outside Bergen just to confirm that there had been no recorded aerial activity at the actual point of time.

Mr. Skulstad stated that he had been put on the

alert by reports in the newspapers of other UFO-sightings. Just a couple of days before, several UFOs had been reported in Lofoten, Northern Norway - some of them having virtually the same characteristics as the one he just saw.

More observations

In the period after 16 January, the number of observations and witnesses was steadily increasing. Many of the witnesses gave apparently similar descriptions of the phenomenon. On 7 February a meeting was arranged at Trengereid, where many of the local residents together with journalists, TV-teams from the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation and a local TV-company were present. UFO-Norge had one representative at the meeting, Mr. Finn W. Kalvik, who was presented for the various reports together with drawings, photographs and a video-footage. Up to that date, at least 20 observations had been made, and during the first part of that week (3 - 10 February) sightings every evening were becoming a routine.

The video-footage was recorded by a local TV-company in the evening on Monday 4 February. Lasting for ca. 3 minutes, it showed a diffuse luminous phenomenon above Trengereid, unfortunately with no further details. However, according to the air traffic controller at Flesland airport, no airplanes were present in the area at that particular point of time.

On 8 February, the newspaper Bergens Arbeiderblad had its entire front-page dedicated to an alleged photo of the phenomenon. An observer had taken two pictures of an object hovering almost motionless low over the fjord for some minutes on Monday 4 February, at 6.55 pm.

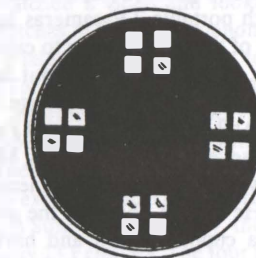
Some of the other reports were quite intriguing, and, taken at face value one could hardly offer any conventional explanation without rejecting the credibility of the witness.

One of these reports, issued by Mr. Sigmund Høyseter contains a high degree of strangeness. On Sunday 3 February he was located at Vaksdal. A few minutes past 11 in the evening, he caught sight of the UFO coming at great speed across the sky. It made a sudden halt, hovering

motionless for some seconds before it lit up and disappeared. Through binoculars he saw two weak lights, between them a cigar-shaped object. Small cylinder-shaped projectiles of light emanated from the UFO, which disappeared downwards to the ground. Having been an amateur pilot for many years (adding further credibility to the witness), Mr. Høyseter was certain that this phenomenon couldn't be an airplane. Nor the planet Venus, which at that period could be seen shining brightly above the western horizon after sunset.

He also noticed a couple of other characteristics, which convinced him that this could be no conventional phenomenon. He was backed by 4 other witnesses in the neighbourhood who later corroborated his testimony.

Another sighting was reported by Vidar Gjosund and his wife, on Wednesday 6 February a few minutes past 11 in the evening. Through the large windows in their house, Mr. Gjosund was the first to spot "something gigantic" with 4 squared yellow and green blinking lights flying slowly and without any sound above them. They live at Risnes, a headland ca. 1 kilometre west of Trengereid. Vidar Gjosund was immediately spell-bound; his wife terrified, but they both went out on the veranda to get a better look at the phenomenon. The lights silently came closer, and suddenly they discovered a black circle



The UFO that flew over the house of Vidar and Linda Beate Gjosund, on Wednesday 6 February at 11.00 pm.

around and behind the lights, as if they were fixed on a large craft. Whatever it was, it passed over the house at relatively great altitude, but apparently lower than the mountains around (which in that area were 500-700 m high). The witnesses ran to a window on the opposite side of the house, and they could see the phenomenon disappear westwards in the direction of Romslo (a headland some 1,5 kilometres away). The time then was exactly 11.07 pm. He immediately called the local police station in Arna. The officer on duty informed him that he had heard a similar report from a credible witness; however, they knew nothing further which might help the Gjosund couple.

Later on, a request to the Flesland airport revealed that no aerial traffic had been present in the area between 10.50 and 23.21. Hence, it can positively be ruled out that this phenomenon had been caused by any conventional aircraft.

Media coverage

Initially, the observations were covered in the local newspapers. The first article appeared in Bygdnytt 25 January, presenting the sightings of Inge Skulstad. Later on, several of the other newspapers in the area published articles from the ongoing sightings. During the last week of this period, even two of the largest newspapers in Norway (Dagbladet and Verdens Gang in Oslo) published accounts of the wave at Trengereid. At this point also the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation - from the local office in Bergen - showed a positive interest. Colleagues equipped with portable TV-cameras had been present most of the week hoping to capture the phenomenon. Unfortunately without luck, although the photographer had a strange sighting sine camera. At 9.40 pm on Monday 4 February, together with several other witnesses, Mr. Terje Dahle observed a strange phenomenon over Trengereid. He saw an object in the air, being shaped like a cupola on top and having two bobbles on the underside. Suddenly he caught sight of two strange objects which moved soundlessly through the air. He also saw two parallel lights, changing colour from cold blue to orange.

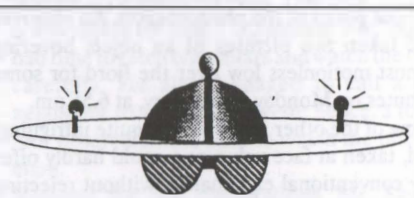
The lights had the shape of a cross. The object (the report is unclear whether it finally was one or two of them) moved at a great speed. After a while it turned southwards and disappeared; the total observation time was ca. 3-4 minutes. Mr. Dahle wondered if it could have been a helicopter, but finally rejected that hypothesis, together with the possibility of it being an airplane or hang-glider.

Another colleague, however, Mr. Ole Geir Herland, had no observation which couldn't be ascribed to airplanes.

Earlier that week the observations were mentioned at least twice in the national radio; first, an interview with Inge Skulstad, and the day after, comments from UFO-Norge's investigator Per Ottesen. A local TV-station, TV-Bergen, presented the case, interviewing UFO-Norge representative Finn W. Kalvik. A short video-footage was also shown in the program.

The newspaper most involved in this case was Bergens Arbeiderblad, the second largest in Bergen. They had several front-pages and covered the case with exhaustive articles at least 4 times during the last period.

Generally, the media treated the phenomenon in a positive way, being open for various solutions. In particular, Bergens Arbeiderblad carried many headlines on the phenomenon, and adopted an objective approach to the case. However, in the last article (on Saturday 9 February), they suddenly changed their attitude, claiming to have found the sole solution to the sightings (see the following page).



Mr. Terje Dahle's impression of the UFO, observed from Trengereid on Monday 4 February at 09.40 pm.

Alternative explanations

Saturday 9 February, Bergens Arbeiderblad made the following headline: "He has the answer to the UFO-riddle". The journalist had interviewed air traffic controller Knut Johan Mohn at Flesland airport. He claimed that the cause of the observations at Trengereid was incoming airplanes from Oslo. He referred especially to Scandinavian Airlines' flight 339 arriving Flesland at 11.15 pm as the prime culprit. He maintained that the clear and cold weather (which, unusually in Western Norway, had been stable for about 3 weeks) made possible several meteorological and optical phenomena. In fact, the entire wave of sightings had coincided entirely with this kind of weather - Inge Skulstad's first observation happened a couple of days after the commencement of the stable weather front.

Mr. Mohn stated that due to these conditions, inhabitants at Trengereid could see the incoming airplanes from Oslo up to 20 minutes before passing over the area. Seen head-on on a distance (say, 50-100 kilometres), the powerful landing-lights often could seem to be motionless without any sound. Furthermore, optical illusions could come into being due to temperature inversions over the fjords and valleys near Trengereid. This could have the effect that landing-lights were distorted and eventually skewed to the extent that they could be observed at a totally other place from where the plane actually was.

Most of the sightings were made between 11.00 and 11.20 pm and this corresponds closely to the point of SK 339's arrival from Oslo. This route becomes visible just before 11.00 pm over Hardangervidda when it's barely halfway between Oslo and Bergen (i.e. more than 100 km away from Trengereid). During the next 20 minutes it may look as if the airplane is motionless. Just before arriving Trengereid (itself situated some 30 km ENE of Flesland), the airplane performs either a left- or right hand turn before disappearing out of the view from Trengereid.

In this connection it should be stressed that Trengereid is situated on a steep hill, oriented

westwards. Observers here cannot - under any conditions - look eastwards toward Hardangervidda and see airplanes with landing-lights. Moreover, he is right when describing the distorting effect of temperature-inversions. However, a refracted image won't be stable for more than a couple of seconds; contradictory to the sightings of the strange phenomena seen hovering over the fjord for several minutes.

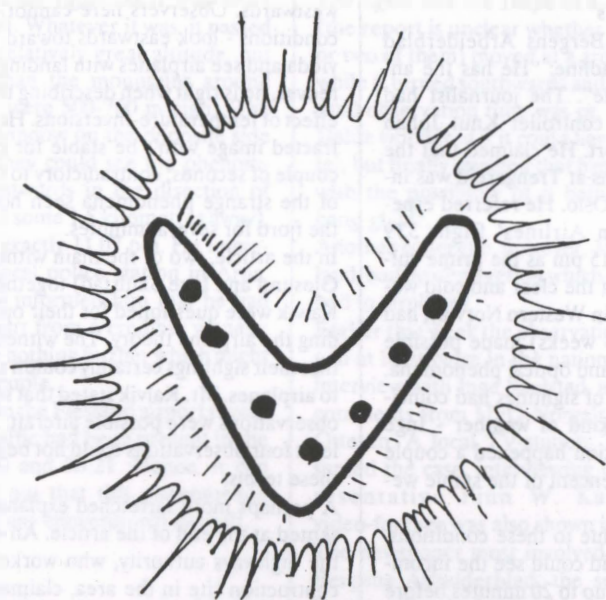
In the article, two of the main witnesses (Vidar Gjosund and Inge Skulstad) together with Finn Kalvik were questioned for their opinion regarding the airplane theory. The witnesses claimed that their sightings certainly couldn't be ascribed to airplanes. Mr. Kalvik stated that several of the observations were possible aircraft; however, at least four observations could not be explained in these terms.

A perhaps more farfetched explanation is presented at the end of the article. An employee at the highways authority, who worked at a road construction site in the area, claimed that a so-called direction laser was stolen two weeks earlier. He maintained that if the laser were directed towards the sky during night-time, it could spur curious visual effects. He conjectured that the sightings over Trengereid were caused by the unauthorized use of this laser.

The work of UFO-Norge

Our representative Finn W. Kalvik was present at Trengereid on 7 February, as earlier mentioned. Here he interviewed witnesses, distributed report forms, watched a video and looked at drawings and sketches of the phenomenon. Report forms were later returned directly to our report centre in Tønsberg. UFO-Norge's branch in Bergen was informed daily by the various updated newspaper articles together with contact persons at the site.

Two observation excursions to Trengereid were made, the first on Sunday 10 February, the second on Wednesday 13 February. The four participants were present at various sites around and above Trengereid, watching the skies in the usual "sighting-hours", i.e. between 8 and 11.30 pm. Both evenings were cold and clear, ideally suited



A drawing of the phenomenon observed above Masfjorden on Friday 1 March.

for this kind of activity. The team observed a lot of aerial "objects"; however, none of the sightings were other than of ordinary airplanes of various kinds. Furthermore, other members of UFO-Norge had been present almost every evening during the last week. Despite their commitment, no strange objects were spotted.

UFO spotted over Masfjorden

According to the newspaper Norhordland, a strange aerial phenomenon was observed over the Masfjorden fjord Saturday 1 March. A luminous sphere with a V-shaped figure inside was observed by several named witnesses, moving from west to east. The phenomenon was visible for some 10-15 minutes around 8.00 o'clock in the morning. All witnesses were certain that it couldn't have been an aircraft of any kind. In addition, two women caught sight of a similar phenomenon on Thursday 28 February, around 8.30 am. The phenomenon was hovering moti-

unless for quite a long time before it disappeared behind a mountain nearby.

Masfjorden is situated ca. 50 kilometres NNW of Trengereid; the area is rather desolate with relatively high-rising mountains and several small fjords connected with the sea.

Conclusion

In spite of the high number of reported sightings, only a few of them (6-7) could be considered interesting. Taking these reports at face value, they clearly hint at the presence of an unknown phenomenon. They may indicate that Trengereid and nearby areas were visited by a strange phenomenon that defied conventional explanations, i.e. the airplane and meteorological hypothesis. To speculate a bit, the phenomenon could have been a so-called RPV - a remotely piloted vehicle, which some "innovative" person could have used just for fun. On the other end of the scale, a more exotic explanation would be called

for, including bona fide UFOs.

However, we have earlier in UFO-Norge documented that many apparently reliable witnesses have totally misconceived original UFO-stimuli, distorting conventional phenomena in the most fantastic ways. Whether or not such psychological effects have been at play here, one can only speculate.

Regardless of any doubts on behalf of the witnesses, however, the sightings at Trengereid were very interesting, and spurred a mass-media coverage which was beneficial also for UFO-Norge.

Possible landing at Haukeli

Date: 24 - 29 March 1991

Time: Between 9.30 and 11.00 pm

Duration: Four consecutive observations, lasting from 1 hour to 2 1/2 hrs each

Place: Øydeskyvæn, near Haukeli, Southern-Norway

Witnesses: Signe Mjåland (main witness) together with 6 other witnesses

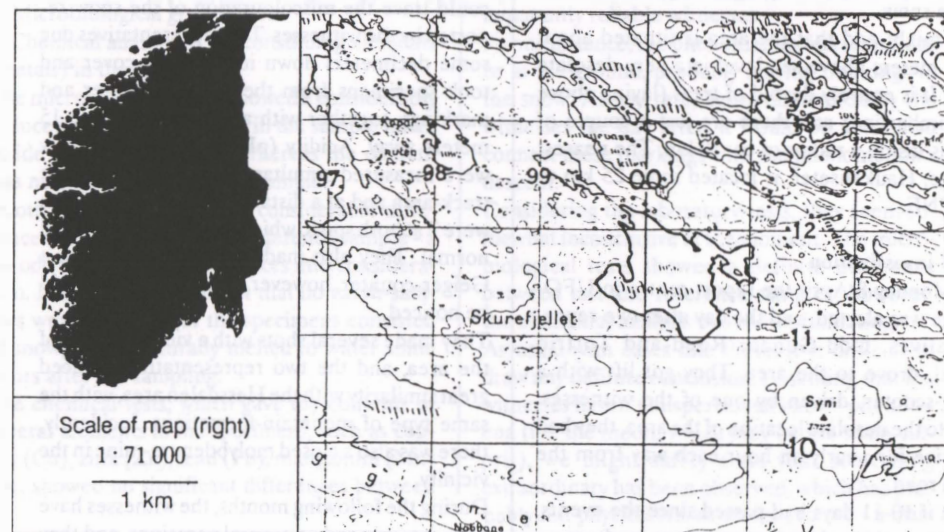
Nature of sighting: Luminous phenomenon at close range - suspected landing traces found

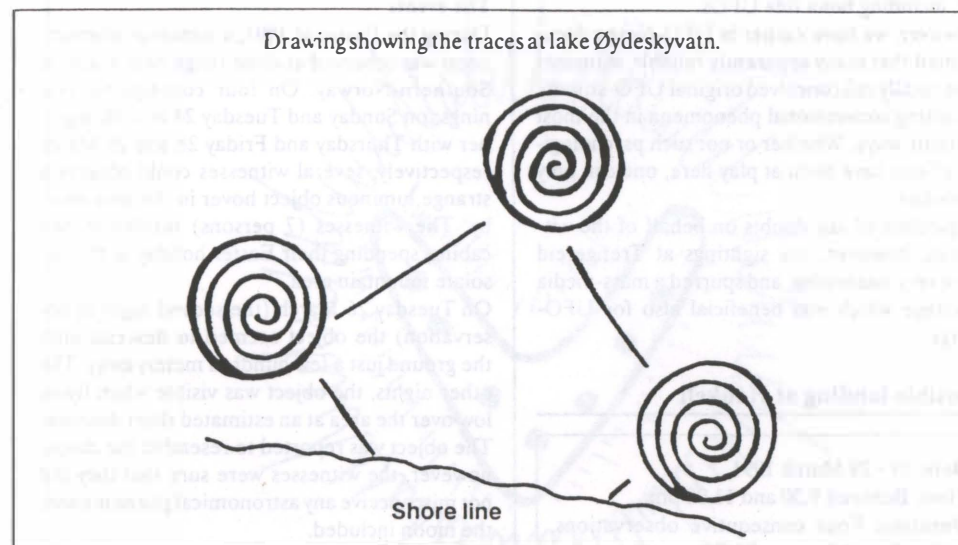
The events

During the Easter of 1991, a luminous phenomenon was observed at close range near Haukeli, Southern-Norway. On four consecutive evenings; on Sunday and Tuesday 24 and 26, together with Thursday and Friday 28 and 29 March respectively, several witnesses could observe a strange luminous object hover in the area nearby. The witnesses (7 persons) resided in two cabins, spending their Easter holiday in the desolate mountain area.

On Tuesday 26 March (the second night of observation) the object seemed to descend onto the ground just a few hundred meters away. The other nights, the object was visible when flying low over the area at an estimated short distance. The object was reported to resemble the moon; however, the witnesses were sure that they did not misconceive any astronomical phenomenon; the moon included.

The spot where the object seemed to land was investigated by the family two days after (on Thursday 28 March) and three spiral-shaped markings were discovered in the snow. The overall shape was circular, and the diameter of each "foot-print" was ca. 50-60 cm. The distance between each print was some 3 meters. A probable fourth print was covered by water from a lake





(Lake Øydeskyvatn), which lay close to the "landing-area" (see illustration on the next page). The witnesses could also see that the snow between the markings was miscoloured, having a yellow-brownish hue relative to the fresh snow around them. Signe Mjåland took some pictures of the markings, which clearly showed the shapes in the snow.

One might add that the area is situated about 1100 meters above sea level in a very desolate area. It is entirely devoid of trees (lying above the timberline) and there are just a couple of cabins inside a radius of ca. 10 km. The nearest village, Haukeliseter, is located some 25 km to the ENE.

Field-investigation

On Monday 8 April the report centre in UFO-Norge was alerted, and the day after two representatives, Odd-Gunnar Røed and Torfrid Urdal, drove to the area. They got lift with a snow-scooter, driven by one of the witnesses. Due to the desolate location of the area, they had to drive for nearly an hour each way from the main road.

Even if 10-11 days had passed since the events, it was considered important to get to the area

and make assessments of the "landing-spot", and if possible, take relatively fresh specimens from it.

It was reported that snow had fallen since Easter, and also that considerable melting was now in progress. Hence, despite a thorough search they couldn't find the actual markings. However, they could trace the miscolouration of the snow reported by the witnesses. The representatives dug some decimeters down in the snow-cover and took specimens from the assumed center and markings, together with a reference sample 15 meters away. Acidity (pH) values in the snow were measured simultaneously, both from the track-area and at a distance outside. The values were 7 at both spots, which should be considered normal. They also made measurements with a Geiger-counter, however, no radioactivity could be noticed.

They made several shots with a video-camera of the area, and the two representatives noticed great similarity with the Hessdalen area, with the same type of mountain-formations. Incidentally, there was also a closed molybdenum-mine in the vicinity.

During the following months, the witnesses have been interviewed on several occasions, and they

all appear as sincere and dependable observers. The photograph taken by Signe Mjåland has been assessed, and regarded as valuable evidence in the case.

In addition to the above mentioned findings, Mrs. Mjåland discovered later - during the summer - that there were three markings on the ground with no signs of new growth. Furthermore, the entire plateau with the markings is too steep for anything to stand for itself, i.e. any object will have a tendency to fall over in the direction of the lake.

Mr. Odd-Gunnar Røed and a colleague paid a visit to the site during the middle of October. They would try to save a few samples of the earth, and see if the markings were still present. However, the ground was too far come getting yellow and brown, due to the seasonal changes of the vegetation. Hence, they weren't able to pick out any markings this time.

Analyses

After the visit on 9 April, the samples were sent to analysis at the laboratory at Østfold Polytechnical, under the auspices of civ.eng. Erling Strand. He is member of the daily management of UFO-Norge, and was principal investigator of Project Hessdalen in 1984-85.

Two principal analyses were performed:

1. Microbiological growth-tests.
2. Chemical analysis of the constituting elements (metals) in the samples.

The microbiological tests showed a considerably reduced content of bacteria in the sample taken inside the "landing-area", whereas the content was normal in the reference sample.

In other words, there was a considerable difference between the test and reference sample - a bit odd taking the circumstances into consideration. It must be pointed out that no earth-samples were taken; all of the specimens consisted of snow, which naturally melted to water some hours after the sampling.

The chemical tests, which gave the contents of several elements in the specimens, such as copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), lead (Pb), manganum (Mn) etc., showed no significant differences between

test- and reference sample.

Additionally, there are some residual tests which will be performed in the near future, depending on the availability of technical equipment.

Astronomical data

The moon was in its first quarter (vexing) on Saturday 23 March. Full moon was on one week later (on Saturday 30 March). Locally, the moon was visible in the south at the following points of time (approx.): 8.00, 8.55, 9.50, 10.40, 11.20 pm, during the five consecutive nights from 24 to 28 March.

The sun set in the west between 6.50 and 7.00 pm in the same period. Twilight commenced the following hour, and it was "pitch dark" before 9 o'clock pm.

The planets were fairly visible in this period: Mercury could be seen a couple of hours in the west after sunset. Venus could be seen somewhat higher above the western horizon not far from Mercury, being considerably brighter. Mars and Jupiter could be seen near the south around midnight relatively high above the horizon.

Conclusion

It seems that an extraordinary phenomenon has been observed for a prolonged period by several, apparently reliable witnesses.

At one instance, the phenomenon was seen close or at the ground, probably leaving markings in the snow. At any rate, being discovered by the witnesses the day after, it would be natural to connect these markings with the phenomenon's descent.

Considering the laboratory-tests, they seem somewhat inconclusive at the moment. The microbiological tests showed a definite difference between test and reference samples; however, the elemental analysis was indiscriminating.

As usual with cases like these, it is difficult to draw any definite conclusion. Assuming that the witnesses haven't misperceived known phenomena (i.e. the moon, which may be the main culprit), we might safely state that something extraordinary has been observed, which has probably left physical traces on the ground - a classical CE II-case.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

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Dates are given as e.g.
07-05-91 which is the
day, the month and the year.



TRAVELLING LIGHT WITH UNUSUAL AFTER EFFECTS

Mazowe Dam, 1968

This report comes from George B. who lived in Harare at the time, but is now resident in Morley, Western Australia.

"I cannot be sure of the year, but probably 1968 and it was some time between April and August. I had gone carp fishing with a friend, Keith R. As I recall, we had no fire but used a gas lamp positioned in front of us to cast light on our rod tips, making bite detection easier. We placed a shield of either card or tinfoil at the back of the lamp to prevent the light shining in our eyes and affecting our vision. We were positioned approximately 200 metres from the main Mazowe Road, facing south-east.

NEWS FROM AFRICA (cont'd)-

PLEASE NOTE: Time in this Newsletter is referred to as, e.g. 2030 for 8.30 pm and 0120 for 1.20am.

I think it was about 22:30 when a bright white light emerged from over the hills on the opposite side of the dam. It was definitely white as I remember thinking it was a car's headlights. Between the two of us, we established that there could be no road where the light first appeared and from that point, we became fascinated with what it could possibly be. It was difficult to gauge its height but in view of the fact that we first thought it was a car in the hills, it could not have been a lot higher than the hills on the far side of the dam. Its height did not vary as it approached directly towards us.

Two things are very clear in my mind at this stage. As the light got closer, an eerie silence seemed to settle on the entire area and nothing could be heard. The light became more orange and then nearly red as it was overhead. Directly above us, it changed direction and in its red form seemed to accelerate and vanished from sight in the direction of the dam wall.

From the time the light appeared to the time it vanished is not easy to ascertain, but it seemed to move slowly so I would guess in the region of 15 seconds.

We were dumbfounded as we both knew we had sat through something very peculiar indeed.

No more than another 15 seconds or so had elapsed when a giant circle of light, maybe 300 metres in diameter, appeared in the centre of the lake. It was as though the water was being lit from underneath, from a central light source. We had no answers for what we had experienced and nervously decided to pack our gear and leave.

I would point out that the size of the original light is not easy to describe other than being consistent with car lights in the distance and maintaining those proportions, but being only one light as opposed to two. It most certainly was not a clearly defined shape and would be best described as glowing strongly."

Australian Sighting Reports

UFO REPORTS 1992.

Sightings of multi-colored lights continue to silently zig-zag through the sky, by day and night.

Unfortunately, details of these lights are extremely limited due to the short period of visibility, therefore there is nothing left to analyse, only the words of the observers.

There are also reports from witnesses who refuse to give their names, such as the following report by a member of the Astronomical Society, who stated by telephone, that other members of the Society sight unknown objects yet refuse to report them for fear of ridicule from colleagues.

Sighting of an unusual moving object.

22-3 -92 7.40 pm. Place of sighting was Chadstone.

Where object appeared - Directly overhead moving to western horizon.

Weather conditions were clear with slight (very) mist.

Age of the observer 28.

Occupation: Director. Health: Excellent.

Experience: Member of the Astronomical Society.

Previous Sightings: Many. I can't explain, but none that have spooked me as much as this one.

Object appeared to be regular satellite moving in westerly direction (unusual?). Object then changed course and speed. Colour also changed from normal satellite (sunlight reflection) to bright lime green.

Object then stopped for a fraction of a second, before descending extremely rapidly, before final decent, object made a violent zig-zag movement (see illustration).

As to what it was I have no idea, only to say that for some reason, a sixth sense made me feel something about this object was not quite right.

27 1 92 Three witnesses camping at Friendly Beach, Freycinet Peninsular, East Coast Tasmania. It was dusk when the observers sighted a bright object move very quickly from north to south. The object consisted of approximately 6 separate bright lights. It disappeared behind cloud covering soon after sighting. At time of sighting it was dusk, but still light enough to see clouds and no stars were visible. Very soon after we looked up to see what to us looked like a round disc consisting of approximately 9 separate lights. The distinct separate bright lights every 1-2 seconds, dimmed then brightened again.

UFO REPORTS 1992. continued.

- 15-2-92 10.30 pm. An object first thought to be an aircraft, flying south to north at 90 to 60 degrees from the horizon. Two moon lengths in diameter or four 10c pieces in the shape of a boomerang, and travelled faster than an aeroplane but slower than a shooting star, Weather, fine, no clouds. No sound.
- 15-2-92 11.30 pm. Two witnesses at Werribee saw a cylinder shaped object with two white lights on the front and red lights around the underside, travel from south to northeast on a very low trajectory. Appeared to be about apparent size of Jumbo jet but not as long. Power failure at house at same time. It made a humming or whistling noise.
- 21-2-92 11.30 pm. Two witnesses observed light, about the size of a one cent piece held at arms length, travel from east to west (from near the rising moon) at an elevation of about 75 to 80 degrees, in about 6 or 7 minutes. it was not very bright and had what appeared to be "fog or dust" around it and left a trail.
- 21-2-92 about 3.30 pm. An Englishman vacationing with friends at Airport West was watching the police helicopter when he observed three lights high above, forming an "L" shape. The light above made a large circle around the other two other two, then they all flew off over Tullamarine to the north east. They carried out odd maneuvers of sudden changes of direction at incredible speeds with no jet stream and no smoke.
- 25-2-92 9.50 pm. Commercial Pilot observed a light in the distance which he thought at first to be landing lights on an aircraft. It came from the south east and described a large arc as it travelled towards the west then turned towards the direction of Tullamarine airport. It was pinkish in colour, moved with the speed of a small aircraft, below cloud with no sound. Two children observed and commented on the light also.
- 25-2-92 3.10 am. a Lalor resident heard a strange "humming-sucking" sound which disappeared over his house in a second.
- 26-2-92 3.07 am. Same resident heard same sound and hastened out of bed in time to see a shimmering white object, appearing to have "spikes or jets? sticking out" It seemed to be only 100-150 feet above the houses over the street and disappeared towards the west in a matter of seconds. Resident's bedroom is two stories up so got a good view. On the morning of the 27th at 4.15 am. He heard the same noise again - like a jet plane coming from the east, but this time it changed pitch (quieter). On looking out the double windows, he observed three brilliant white discs, completely round and in close formation. They seemed to increase speed as they gained height rapidly and sped off to the north west.

- 23-3-92 9.45 pm. Phillip Island. Witnesses on cliff noted an oblong shape which "appeared from nowhere". The orange light moved towards them and hovered in front of them, with no noise. It was about 100 feet from them and started to come closer and the witnesses became scared and excited as the object moved away over houses.
- 26-3-92 9.20 pm. Three observers saw three saucer-shaped objects, flying in formation, very high and extremely fast, travel in the south, from west to east. Weather conditions were clear - the objects were silver and dark on the bottom and had a dome on top which was much lighter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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8-3-92.

Dear Paul.

Thank you for V.U.F.O.R.S. March issue with its most interesting articles and for the photocopy of Barrier Daily Truth article. In that article it is very true about people not wanting their names known for fear of ridicule. It will be a great day and a long overdue necessity when people feel free to communicate their experiences with unexplained phenomena.

Just think how much further forward we may have been if we lived in a far greater open and sincere society than we do at present.

From what I have read and through my own experiences I see the Earth's magnetic field as a living energy pattern. It has the classic basic energy field shape, pole to pole, but in many ways it is manipulative, kaleidoscopic, unpredictable and has myriads of areas of turmoil. All this is due to the Earth being a living entity with a breathing body mass creating tiny and massive magnetic field changes which in turn have a chain reaction throughout the field as a whole. This is the reason that magnetometer readings are often non repeatable. (You may quote if you wish.)

As an exchange I thought you may like to see my current Newsletter. Actual crop circle information is at a low ebb at this time of year and I did not want to fill the Newsletter with padding.

Best wishes.

Pat

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A FLYING VISIT

It is now 45 years since Kenneth Arnold sighted nine disc shaped objects over Mount Rainier, the term 'flying saucer' was coined and the era of the U.F.O. phenomenon began.

The early years of U.F.O. research, particularly from the point of view of the United States Air Force, are rarely considered these days and so the opportunity to meet a leading participant of those times is a real privilege.

During March retired U.S.A.F. Major Dewey Fournet and his wife Win made a flying visit to Melbourne and arrangements were made for them to meet members of the VUFORS Committee.

In the early 1950's Major Fournet was the Pentagon's liaison officer for the U.S.A.F.'s official U.F.O. research department, Project Blue Book.

Among the things discussed with him were some of the more significant sightings from the '40s and '50s, the Montana and Utah films and the contributions made to the early research work by his associates Ed Ruppelt, J. Allen Hynek, Al Chop and others.

VUFORS was hopeful that a public meeting could be arranged to introduce Dewey to our members but, unfortunately, this was not possible. However, we feel sure that our members will join with us in extending to Dewey and Win our very best wishes for the future.



SOME BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

(In response to requests from several FSR readers for an account of the *curriculum vitae* of the Editor.)

Gordon Creighton, Editor of FSR

ORIENTALIST and retired diplomat and intelligence officer. MA (Hons.), Cambridge. Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and the Royal Geographical Society. Educated: Lindisfarne College, Bishop's Stortford College, Cambridge University, and the Ecole Des Sciences Politiques, Paris.

In an extraordinarily varied and interesting life, he spent many years in diplomatic posts in China, Brazil, Belgium, and USA, and subsequently served for seven years as an Intelligence Officer in Whitehall. Thereafter was for some years engaged on work for the British Government in research on maps printed in oriental and other languages, at the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Royal Geographical Society, London.

Sent first as a Language Student Attaché to H.M. Legation (later Embassy) at Peking. Subsequently received Royal Commissions to serve at various times as H.M. Vice-Consul at Tientsin, H.M. Consul at Chungking, and First Secretary/Consul of H.M. Embassy, first at Peking and then at the war-time Capital, Chungking. Further postings included various periods in the Far Eastern Department of the Foreign Office in London. Then as H.M. Consul at Shanghai, H.M. Consul at Nanking, H.M. Consul at Recife, Brazil and Acting Consul-General at Antwerp, Belgium, and Acting Consul-General at New Orleans, USA.

Being the Embassy's principal interpreter in Chinese, he had the curious experience of being the first among the British diplomatic officials to receive from Chinese Government sources warnings about both the coming German attack (June 22, 1941) on Russia, and the coming Japanese attack (December 17, 1941) on the British and American bases throughout the Pacific and South-East Asia. In the first case the tip-off came from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek himself, at a small dinner party of the British Embassy with the key men of the Chinese Cabinet on New Year's Eve, 1940. In the second case the information was given to him by General Ho Ying-Ch'ing, Chinese Minister for War, in July 1941.

In his diplomatic postings he developed a specialist knowledge of international relations in Central Asia and the Far East and particularly of Russian-Chinese relations, and also of Communism and the worldwide Communist subversive activities.

Nevertheless, Gordon admits ruefully that, although, for some months, he shared his office in the F.O. with Guy Burgess at the height of the Korean War (June 1950-July 1953), he failed to detect that Burgess, who was to defect to Moscow in 1951, was a Soviet spy. (He did however note that Burgess possessed a most remarkably thorough knowledge of the

sayings and writings of Lenin. But, after all, a good diplomatic expert on Communism *ought* to do that!)

From his childhood on a farm in Hertfordshire, his hobbies had always been ornithology and entomology, so Gordon was able to pursue the study of both birds and butterflies in many countries around the world. But his greatest delight has been in the realm of human tongues, for he has studied, and has varying degrees of proficiency in, more than twenty-five languages, including Latin, Greek, Russian, German, Dutch, Anglosaxon, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Provençal, Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Mongolian, Burmese, and Shan, as well as the ancient Egyptian and Sumerian hieroglyphs, and the Mayan glyphs of Central America.

Gordon Creighton has had a lifelong interest in most of the great world-religions, particularly in Vedanta and Buddhism. Soon after leaving university he also began to investigate parapsychology and psychical phenomena, and has seen strange experiments and weird "happenings" and phenomena, including such things as "psychic surgery", and "metal-bending", on Five Continents.

For many years a member of the British Society for Psychical Research (SPR). Also a member of the College of Psychic Studies, London, and of the famous *Ghost Club* in London (the oldest such investigative body in the world). He is also a Freemason.

He has been interested in "Flying Saucers" (UFOs) since the summer of 1941, when he saw one, over the Far West of China, not far from Tibet, when he was stationed at the British Embassy, then in Chungking.

He has contributed to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW right from its establishment in 1955, and has been a member of its Board of Directors for some years past. Now Editor of the Review (since November 1982).

In addition to writing regularly for *Flying Saucer Review* and translating or helping to produce a number of books on UFOs, Gordon Creighton has taken part in some forty TV and radio programmes on UFOs, including broadcast talks or discussions in French, Spanish, and German. He has also twice addressed British Peers and MPs on UFOs, at Lord Clancarty's UFO Study Group (now terminated) in the House of Lords.

He has translated a great quantity of Chinese material, not only UFO reports, but also Chinese Government Laws, and technical and scientific articles. He is also the translator of a collection of classical Chinese love poems dating from the T'ang and Sung Dynasties (7th to 13th centuries A.D.).

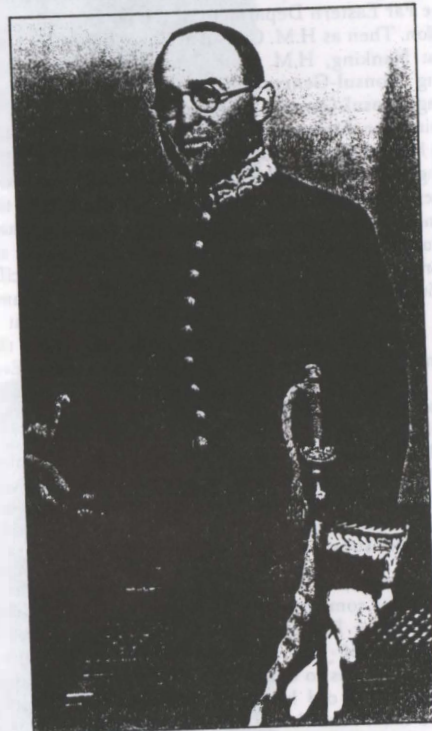


In politics he is currently much interested in both the Free Russian and the Free Chinese movements, being a member of Count Nikolai Tolstoy's ASSOCIATION FOR A FREE RUSSIA, as well as of the London section of the FREE CHINESE-BRITISH CULTURAL & ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION, of which he is the Chairman.

(Incidentally, he recently delivered a talk, in London, on the subject of UFOs, before a large gathering of members of the Chinese Literary & Cultural Society in this country. As usual, the subject was far too big a shock for the Chinese to endure, and it is pretty certain that not one of them believed a word of what he had to say!)

Gordon's wife, Joan, later a College lecturer, with degrees in the History of Art and in Literature (author of many humorous articles in "PUNCH", and known as "EVE" to FSR readers), was also in the Foreign Office, and they met just after the Liberation of Europe, when both were posted to Antwerp by the F.O.

They have a son and a daughter (unidentical twins), who were born in Brazil, and three grandchildren.



AND SOME COMMENTS FROM EVE!

It happens that Eve agrees neither with the esteemed Adrian Berry, nor the even more esteemed Editor of FSR! The best physicists are quite ready to admit that their 'reality' consists of mathematical models, based on observations of HOW things work, and indeed, how we can make things work to serve our own ends. Any poet can do a better job of penetrating the sort of reality most of us care about than they can.

Parapsychology and Paraphysics do not threaten our science at all because scientific method is not equal to the task of dealing with them. How, for instance, could one set up an experiment to account for Shakespeare, or Mozart? Or even Heavy Metal for that matter, which to me is even more baffling!

There are enormous difficulties in setting up experiments where the paranormal is concerned. Last year some of the FSR team, with the Editor and myself, tried to do something of the kind on two occasions with a young healer and spoon bender whom we will call Jim.

On the first occasion a British medical doctor prepared a few tests at his own house. Jim was not even there when the materials were prepared for him, and laid out on a large bare table. Jim was wearing a jumper. On this occasion, and in front of our eyes, he bent two rather tough spoons by the traditional method, and some wires inside two sealed test-tubes prepared by the doctor. We ourselves had tried to bend the spoons beforehand, and in vain.

On the second occasion we were all at a teatable at the house of a dental surgeon, and Jim declared at first that he did not feel he could do much today. Scientists do not like people whose powers fluctuate. However, he went on aimlessly stroking the good spoon he had been eating with, and set it down beside him, in front of one of the other guests. The guest sat looking at it with astonishment, since the spoon was gradually hunching up in front of him. At this point our hostess began looking apprehensively at her nice cutlery, and hurriedly cleared the table. The dentist was dispatched in search of something not too valuable for Jim to bend. He came back with a piece of metal, about 1/4" in square section and about 8" long. This was a tool he had made himself, and hardened himself, when he was a student. This Jim stroked for a while, whereupon it bent double like a hairpin.

Now that Jim was 'on form' the dentist produced his own prepared material, wires sealed inside two test-tubes and a little square sealed, transparent plastic box with a ball-bearing in it. The idea was to bend the wires, and to see if Jim could make the ball-

bearing move inside the box without touching it. In the disconcerting way such people have Jim held up one of the test-tubes: in one the wire had certainly not bent - but in the other there was no wire at all! While several people tried to find the little wire, the dentist amused himself by trying to see if he could make the ball-bearing move by thought-power. Surely there was something else in the small sealed transparent box? Yes, indeed, - there was the missing piece of wire!

I know perfectly well what the sceptics will say - all these strange events were just conjuring tricks. But I have yet to meet a conjuror whose material is all prepared for him by other people in the way this was done. Sleight of hand cannot work if all the containers are sealed. Unfortunately, one also has yet to meet anyone whose powers are 'paranormal' and therefore depending upon some subtle state of mind, who can also tolerate sceptical and infinitely boring laboratory conditions.

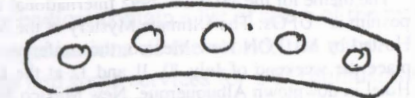
How sorry one feels for anyone whose experiences, for whatever reason, are not quite 'normal'. There are apparently few folk, 'scientists' or otherwise, secure enough in themselves simply to suspend disbelief, observe, and consider ...

MAIL BAG

Another "hallucination" over Leicestershire

Dear Mr. Creighton, -

I also enclose a drawing of "something" (!) that flew over our bungalow one evening in November 1990. It was a clear night, and about 7.00 p.m. This thing was, I felt, at an altitude of about 200 ft., and travelling away from me. The five big lights were white and very bright and the whole of the object was fully lit up, and was slightly "boomerang-shaped". There was no noise so far as I could hear.



I would be interested to have your opinion.*

Yours sincerely,

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May 28, 1991.

*The Ministry of Defence will tell you that it wasn't there. So who are we to question their wisdom? G.C.

"TRACTORS OF THE GODS? WEIRD MARKINGS FOUND IN N.W. AUSTRALIA

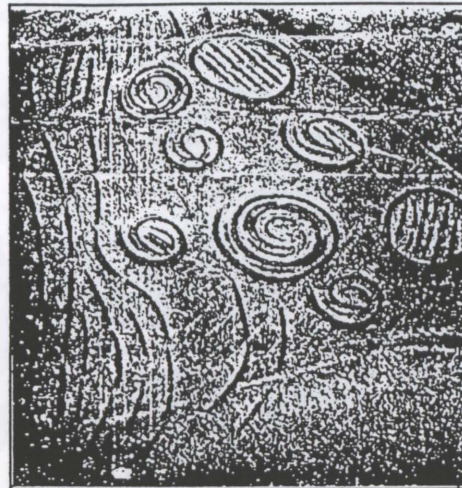
According to a recent item in *The Australian Geographic* (kindly brought to our attention by Mr. Colin Bloy), some strange new patterns have been discovered on parched ground in a remote corner of North-Western Australia. Consisting of a series of huge spirals, circles, and broken wavy lines, and somewhat reminiscent of the famous desert markings on the arid Nazca Plateau in Peru, the new finds lie close to the North-West Coastal Highway, near Roebourne (20°44'S, 117°09'E) (Australian North-West Territory).

These configurations were first noticed by a Mr. Dick Smith when he was flying over the region in June 1988. He photographed them, and subsequently requested Mr. Chris Hill to try to find out what they were and how they had come about. By virtue of the sheer size of the markings, they can only be appreciated from the air and perceived as what they are.

Chris Hill apparently assumed at first that the answer would be simple and that they would merely turn out to be "something to do with erosion control, or some other form of land management".

But when he called in at the local offices of the Department of Conservation & Land Management, they said: "*It doesn't sound like anything we'd do!*"

His next call was on Mr. Graeme Rathbone, Divisional Engineer for the West Australian Main Roads Department. He replied that his people never carry out any sort of earthworks except in connection with road-building. And these newly discovered "earth-designs" lie too far away from the Highway to



be anything of that sort.

Copies of the aerial photographs were next sent to the Roebourne Shire Engineer, Ron Copeland, who too made extensive enquiries, but all to no avail.

So - "extraterrestrial mystery" or, maybe, "something more down-to-earth?" Chris Hill concludes: "If none of our members of the Australian Geographic Society know anything about these mysterious designs, what should I do? Call von Däniken?"

Speakers already confirmed are Stanton T. Friedman (Canada), Philippe Piet van Putten (Brazil), Richard F. Haines, Ph.D., Budd Hopkins, Richard M. Neal, M.D., J. Antonio Huneeus, Linda Moulton Howe (keynote speaker), Jacques Vallee, Ph.D., Montague Keen (England) on crop circles and Clifford E. Stone. We anticipate receiving the names of two speakers from Moscow selected by Pavel Popovich, President of the Soviet UFO Association, which will complete the speaking program.

Registrations for the entire symposium are now being accepted at \$50 per person for five sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The reception on Friday evening at 6 p.m. is \$5 extra. When making your advance registration, if your last name starts with A-M, please write to MUFON-NM, P.O. Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191, or if N-Z, write to MUFON-NM, P.O. Box 7191, Albuquerque, NM 87194, with a check or money order payable to "MUFON 1992 UFO Symposium."

American Airlines has again been selected as our official carrier for the 1992 symposium with special group rates from the 48 contiguous states and Hawaii. Another group rate applies to Canada. Individual reservations may be booked through the American Airlines Meeting Service Desk toll free number 1-800-433-1790 and identifying the symposium account number Star #S02727L.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

— MUFON News by Walt Andrus

MUFON 1992 UFO SYMPOSIUM

The theme for the MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium is "UFOs: The Ultimate Mystery of the Millennia." Hosted by MUFON New Mexico, the conference will take place the weekend of July 10, 11 and 12 at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Albuquerque. New Mexico State Director Teresa Brito Asenap is the symposium chairperson. Major meetings will be held in the nearby convention center, which is attached to the hotel by enclosed walkways.

Two-hundred rooms have been blocked for July 10 and 11, and 60 rooms for July 9 and 12. The special group rates for the symposium are single or double occupancy at \$60 per night. Reservations are now being accepted by calling the Doubletree Hotel at (505) 247-3344 and advising the reservations desk that you will be attending the MUFON 1992 UFO Symposium in order to obtain the group rate.

UFO Book Summary

Above Top Secret

(The Worldwide UFO Cover-up)

Timothy Good

Sidgwick and Jackson Limited

1 Travistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way
London WC1A 2SG

First published July 1987 in Great Britain

ISBN 0-283-99496-7 Hardback

(also available in paperback)

In my opinion, this is still the best UFO text available today. It covers Great Britain from 1943 until the late 1980's and details the larger cases from Europe, Australia, Canada, China, USSR and a very large section regarding the United States of America including crash/retrievals and the involvement of NASA, the Defence Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency. This book contains copies of actual documents obtained from many sources including Freedom of Information requests to the United States government. The Majestic-12 briefing document is shown but very little evaluation of the document is done.

The UFO Report 1990

Edited by Timothy Good

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First published 1989

ISBN 0-283-99848-2 Paperback

ISBN 0-283-99847-4 Hardback

In this book Timothy Good has edited articles from various UFO researchers and compiled a summary of UFO activity.

Some of the articles are:

The English Corn Circles in 1988 -

George Wingfield

Testimony from Africa - Cynthia Hind

The Soviet Scene 1988- Nikolai Lebedev

UFO Encounters along the Nullabor

Plain - Paul Norman

UFO Crash/Retrievals: Is the Cover-up

Lifting? - Leonard Stringfield

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Once again, Timothy Good has edited a further set of articles from UFO researchers worldwide. Some of the articles are:

The Belgian Wave of Sightings

1989-1990 - George Wingfield

The UFO Landings at Voronezh

- Gordon Creighton

The Report on Operation Majestic 12

- Stanton Friedman

1989 - The Harvest Continues

- Linda Moulton Howe

World Round-Up of Selected Reports

- Timothy Good

The appendices contain a list of some of the major UFO organisations of the world, the major UFO journals and some services for UFO enthusiasts.

The UFO Cover-Up

(formerly titled Clear Intent)

Lawrence Fawcett & Barry J. Greenwood

Prentice Hall Press

15 Columbus Circle

New York, NY 10023

First published as Clear Intent in 1984

ISBN 0-13-137712-4 Paperback

Fawcett and Greenwood are both senior members of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) in the United States and their book contains the results of many years of work involving Freedom of Information requests made by many people to the various parts of the American government. Tribute is made to Attorney Peter Gersten, Director of CAUS for his initial work with the former Arizona UFO organisation Ground Saucer Watch for releasing approximately one third of all the documents in the book as a result of lawsuits. The book includes reports of mystery helicopters, CIA and FBI involvement from 1947 to 1977 and NSA reports. This book is a classic as it uses hard evidence obtained from government agencies to backup the claim of a worldwide UFO cover-up.

Alien Liaison

(The Ultimate Secret)

Timothy Good

Random Century Ltd.

20 Vauxhall Bridge Road

London SW1V 2SA

First published 1991

ISBN 0-7126-2194-6 Hardback

From the jacket: "*Timothy Good, bestselling author of Above Top Secret, has proved with comprehensive evidence that the governments of Britain, America, Canada, Australia and other countries believe that UFOs exist, that they monitor the flights of hundreds of UFOs every year and that they channel massive resources from black budgets into UFO research projects. He has documented, too, the massive cover-up by the West's intelligence community, proving that information on UFOs is being withheld at an above top secret level.*" Good covers cattle mutilations, crash/retrievals, Area 51 (Dreamland) as well as many other issues. Coverage is given to the story of Bob Lazar, the nuclear physicist who

supposedly worked on UFO propulsion systems in the Dreamland complex. Astonishing claims are made by a new name in the UFO world, Bob Oechesler, a former NASA engineer with intelligence community contacts.

UFO Crash At Roswell

Kevin D. Randle & Donald R. Schmitt

Avon Books

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1350 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York 10019

First published 1991

ISBN 0-380-76196-3 Paperback

Kevin Randle is a retired U.S. Air Force Captain and Donald Schmitt is Director of Special Investigations, Centre for UFO Studies. This book is not to be confused with The Roswell Incident by Charles Berlitz and William Moore, published in 1988. Randle and Schmitt have uncovered more eyewitness accounts, and researched deeper into this case than the previous work. The summer, 1947 case is covered extensively and the book contains good appendices that document Project Blue Book, Majestic 12, Press accounts, and all interviews done.

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SOCIETY NEWS

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Like most of our readers, VUFORS has been obliged to carefully monitor expenditure in recent years and ensure that income is not wasted and applied to best effect. Unfortunately time, inflation and large cost increases such as the professional printing of "The Australain UFO Bulletin", the computerisation of membership records and a much higher rental for the quarterly meetings at the prestigious Royal Society building have left us with no option but to increase fees.

Accordingly, as from 1 July, 1992 the following fees will apply:-

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
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Members	\$2.00
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Whilst the Committee of VUFORS regrets any form of price increase in difficult economic times, we believe that our members and subscribers will understand that we have taken this step in order to maintain high standards in the areas of research, administration and publishing.

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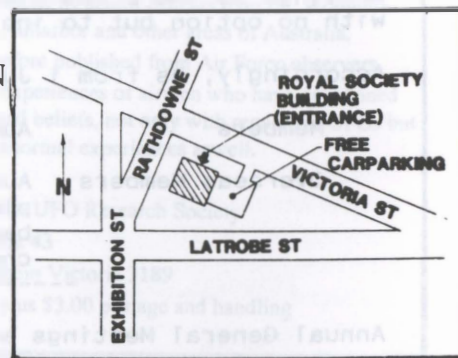
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1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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